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DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor,
Downtown San Diego**

San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre will hold a community forum entitled, "Chief Legal Advisor to the Retirement System."

The meeting is an effort to better inform the public regarding the City Attorney's viewpoint that the independent Office of the City Attorney is empowered by the City Charter to serve as chief legal advisor to the the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS).

Last week, the City Attorney appeared before San Diego Superior Court Judge Jeffrey B. Barton and presented his oral argument on this issue. As a result, the Judge has taken the matter under submission and will issue a final decision the week of March 6.

The issue of who is the chief legal advisor is in litigation after City Attorney Aguirre terminated a 1998 memorandum of understanding by his predecessor, which gave SDCERS authority to hire its own attorney. On December 15, 2004, City Attorney Aguirre ended the agreement, but SDCERS sued the City Attorney to prevent him from reasserting his role as the independent attorney for the Retirement System.

City Attorney Aguirre is also releasing tomorrow a report on this issue. The community forum will be broadcast live on City TV 24.

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